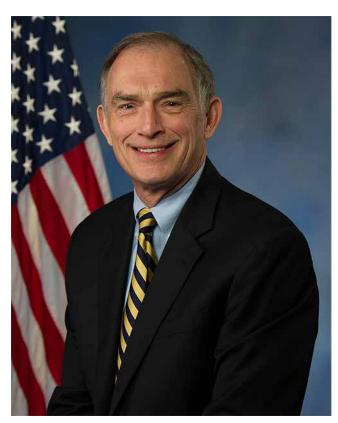
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Welcome

Serving the constituents of Indiana's First Congressional District is my foremost priority. This community resource guide encompasses information on the services available for Northwest Indiana, and includes a listing of the scholarships offered at our regional colleges and universities.

I hope that you find this information useful. If you ever need assistance with any federal agency or program, do not hesitate to contact my office directly at **219-795-1844.**

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Sincerely,
Peter J. Visclosky
Member of Congress

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Pete Visclosky proudly represents the First Congressional District of Indiana, which includes Lake, Porter, and a portion of LaPorte County. Throughout his time in office, Pete has worked to improve the quality of life for everyone in Northwest Indiana by creating new job opportunities and attracting economic development to the region.

Pete is a leading advocate for major economic development projects in Northwest Indiana, including the recapitalization of the South Shore Rail Line, the Gary/Chicago International Airport, and the Marquette Plan, his lakeshore investment strategy. Pete is a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee and serves as Ranking Member on the Defense Subcommittee, where he works to protect America's fighting men and women on the battlefield and when they return home. As a member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee. Pete has also worked to support investment in our national infrastructure ports, harbors, and waterways—as well as protect our nuclear stockpile and encourage investments in energy technology to confront the energy crisis and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. In addition, Pete is affiliated with the following caucuses:

- Congressional Steel Caucus (Vice Chairman)
- Congressional Buy American Caucus
- Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues
- Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues
- Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans
- Congressional Caucus on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children
- Congressional Dairy Farmers Caucus

- Congressional Diabetes Caucus
- Congressional Fire Caucus
- Congressional French Caucus
- Congressional Macedonian Caucus
- Congressional National Parks Caucus
- Congressional Serbian Caucus (Co-Chair)
- Congressional Slovak Caucus (Co-Chair)
- Friends of Switzerland Caucus
- Congressional Wine Caucus
- Congressional Wire and Wire Products Caucus
- Law Enforcement Caucus

Furthermore, Pete is a member of the Great Lakes Task Force.

Pete was born in Gary, Indiana, and graduated from Andrean High School in Merrillville. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Indiana University Northwest, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame Law School, and a Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University Law Center. Pete is married to Joanne Royce, and has two sons, John and Tim.

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Help with a Federal Agency

Here to help

Pete's office is here to serve you. While Pete cannot require federal officials to decide matters in your favor, he can insist that all rules are followed to ensure that your request receives appropriate consideration. Some of the most common problems arise from issues involving: Social Security and Medicare, immigration, the United States Military, veterans' affairs, welfare and social services, and regulatory agencies.

If you need help with these matters, or if you have other concerns involving the federal government, please fill out the following form: Constituent Fact **Sheet to Get Your Casework Started (PDF)**

If you are unable to print the document above, please call the Merrillville office and ask to have one mailed, emailed, or faxed to you. Once your "Constituent Fact Sheet" is returned. Pete and his staff will work diligently to ensure that your concerns are addressed in a prompt and satisfactory manner. If you would still like to schedule a meeting with Pete, please contact the Merrillville office.

Things You Should Know

- According to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. Pete cannot act as an attorney or offer legal assistance in any way.
- Because of the constitutional separation of powers, judicial matters (matters before the courts) do not fall under Pete's jurisdiction as a Member of Congress. Examples of judicial matters include deportation proceedings or any matter before immigration courts, divorce, child custody, or other civil disputes, and criminal trials.
- While Pete will make his best efforts to assist you, please remember that federal agencies have discretion concerning decisions on individual cases and have the final say on the outcome.

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NWI211 is a comprehensive Information and Referral service provided at no cost to consumers. Callers are connected to health and human service related agencies/programs.

Dial: 211

www.nwi211.com or www.myunitedway2-1-1.org

Assistance for the Elderly and Disabled

- **■** Social Security Administration: Provides assistance with Social Security retirement, Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI), disability, and Medicare.
 - 1-800-772-1213

Address	Phone	
808 South Lake Street, Gary, Indiana 46403	1-866-593-2911	
418 Douglas Street, Hammond, Indiana 46320	1-877-512-3859	
1438 East 85th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410	1-877-692-3142	
3810 Calumet Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383	1-888-472-6120	
636 Pine Street, Michigan City, Indiana 46360	1-866-248-2393	

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

(CMS): Provides assistance with various issues involving Medicare and Medicaid.

- 1-800-633-4227
- www.cms.gov
- www.medicare.gov

■ Northwest Indiana Community Action:

Serves the low income, elderly and disabled in a six county service area (Lake, Porter, Newton, Jasper, Pulaski & Starke).

- (219) 794-1829 (Main Office)
- 1-800-826-7871 (Toll Free)
- http://ww.nwi-ca.com/
- **Indiana State Health Insurance Assistance** Program (SHIP): Provides an unbiased place for seniors and pre-retirees to find answers to their health insurance questions.
 - **1**-800-452-4800
 - http://www.in.gov/idoi/2508.htm

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Employment and Training

Federal/State Employment

- **USA Jobs (OPM):** Employment information and application site for the federal government.
 - **(202) 606-1800**
 - http://www.usajobs.opm.gov
- **Indiana State Personnel Department:**

Employment information and application site for the state government.

- (855) 773-4647 (SPD Mainline)
- 1-877-248-0007 (Benefits Hotline)
- http://www.in.gov/spd

Training

- WorkOne: Helps Hoosiers find a new or better job, choose a career, find a qualified employee, access training, improve job skills or get workplace information.
 - 1-800-891-6499
 - http://www.in.gov/dwd/WorkOne
 - http://www.indianacareerconnect.com

Vocational Rehabilitation:

Employment services, supported employment. assistive technology, transition services or assistance with independent living.

- http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2636.htm (regional directory)
- Service Area: Lake

Address: 110 West Ridge Road

Gary, 46408

Phone: (219) 981-5326 Phone: 1-877-847-9891

■ Service Area: LaPorte, Porter

Address: 954 Eastport Centre Drive,

Suite C, Valparaiso, 46383 Phone: (219) 462-0521 Phone: 1-877-847-9888

Employment & Training Administration:

Administers programs and resources, and provides tools to assist with all stages of job and career development. These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development offices.

- 1-877-US-2JOBS (872-5627)
- http://www.doleta.gov/jobseekers

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Unemployment

- **WorkOne:** Helps Hoosiers file for unemployment benefits. Assists with application process and answering questions regarding eligibility.
 - 1-800-891-6499
 - http://www.in.gov/dwd/WorkOne/regions. html

Financial

Pension or Income Assistance

- **Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation:** Helps protect retirement benefits in privatesector traditional pension plans known as defined benefit plans.
 - **■** Worker/Retiree: 1-800-400-7242 or (202) 326-4000
 - **Plan Sponsor/Administrator:** 1-800-736-2444 or (202) 326-4242 http://www.pbgc.gov
- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families** (TANF): Provides cash assistance and supportive services to assist the family, helping them achieve economic self-sufficiency (formerly known as the welfare program).
 - **1**-800-622-4932
 - http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/2684.htm

- **Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) & Supplemental** Security Income (SSI): Retirement, disability, and survivors benefit payment programs through the Social Security Administration.
 - 1-800-772-1213
 - http://www.ssa.gov
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency** (FEMA): Disaster assistance in the form of cash, in-kind vouchers or direct assistance to individuals, families and businesses in an area whose property has been damaged or destroyed and whose losses are not covered by insurance; meant to help with critical expenses that cannot be covered in other ways.
 - 1-800-621-3362
 - http://www.fema.gov

Tax Assistance

- Taxpayer Advocate Service: An independent organization within the IRS to help taxpayers resolve problems with their federal tax concerns.
 - 1-877-777-4778 (TAS Case Intake Line)
 - (317) 685-7840 (Indianapolis Office)
 - http://www.irs.gov/advocate

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Consumer Protection

Consumer Credit Counseling Service: Provides free and confidential debt counseling.

Northwest: 1-800-982-4801 Northeast: 1-800-432-0420

- Indiana Attorney General: Assists Hoosiers with consumer and legal rights.
 - **(317) 232-6201** (Office of the Attorney General)
 - 1-800-382-5516 (Consumer Hotline)
 - http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/index. htm
- Indiana Do Not Call List: Register your residential phone number to reduce the number of telemarketing calls you receive.
 - 1-888-834-9969
 - http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2446. htm
- **Indiana Unclaimed Property:** Unclaimed items (e.g. wages, checking/savings accounts, insurance proceeds, etc.)
 - https://www.indianaunclaimed.com/apps/ ag/ucp/index.html

- Federal Trade Commission (FTC): Helps prevent fraud, deception, and unfair business practices in the marketplace. Consumers may contact the FTC to file a complaint or obtain informative publications.
 - 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)
 - http://www.ftc.gov
- ID Theft (FTC): Information for consumers to help combat ID theft.
 - 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338)
 - http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/ idtheft
- National Do Not Call Registry: Register your residential phone number to reduce the amount of telemarketing calls you receive.
 - 1-888-382-1222
 - https://www.donotcall.gov/register/reg.aspx
- **Annual Credit Report Request Form:** To access a free copy of your credit report from one of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies.
 - http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/resources/ forms/requestformfinal.pdf
 - Experian 1-888-397-3742 http://www.experian.com
 - Equifax 1-800-846-5279 http://www.equifax.com/home
 - TransUnion 1-800-888-4213 http://www.transunion.com

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Food

- **Directory of Indiana Food Assistance Organizations**: Organizations that provide food assistance. A list of food banks by county can be found at:
 - http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/safefood/searchOnlineDirectory.asp
- **Food Bank of Northwest Indiana:**

Provides references to food pantries in Lake and Porter Counties.

- **(219) 980-1777**
- http://foodbanknwi.org/
- Food Bank of Northern Indiana:

Provides references to food pantries in LaPorte County.

- 1-800-879-7040
- http://www.feedindiana.org/
- **Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program** (SNAP): Food assistance program for low income households (formerly known as the food stamp program).
 - 1-800-622-4932 (State of Indiana Helpline)
 - http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/2691.htm
 - http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/outreach/ states/indiana.htm
 - **Porter County:** (219) 462-2113 **■ LaPorte County:** (219) 326-5871 ■ Lake County: (219) 886-6000

Women, Infant & Children (WIC) Program:

Provides food, nutrition information and health care referrals to low-income women and children up to age five.

- **1**-800-522-0874
- http://www.in.gov/isdh/19691.htm
- **Child Nutrition Programs:**

School Breakfast/Lunch/Snack: Food assistance program administered by schools to children who meet eligibility guidelines.

- 1-800-537-1142 (Toll Free)
- (317) 232-0850 (Office of School and Community Nutrition)
- http://www.doe.in.gov/food/welcome.html
- **Summer Food Service Program for Children:** Serves nutritious meals to children when National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program meals are not available.
 - 1-800-537-1142 (Toll Free)
 - (317) 232-0850 (Office of School and Community Nutrition)
 - http://www.doe.in.gov/food/summer/welcome.html
- Meals on Wheels: Delivers meals to home-bound Hoosiers.

■ Lake County: (219) 756-3663 ■ **Porter County:** (219) 462-5195 **■ LaPorte County:** (219) 872-9117

■ Go to Website to find a location near you: http://www.mealcall.org/meals-on-wheels/ in/index.htm

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- **United Way:** Brings together the resources of the community to assist people in helping themselves and one another.
 - Lake County: (219) 923-2302 ■ **Porter County:** (219) 464-3583 ■ LaPorte County: (219) 210-3534
- Salvation Army: Provides food, meals, clothing, food vouchers, and lodging.
 - Gary: (219) 887-6588
 - **East Chicago:** (219) 398-2939 ■ Munster: (219) 838-0380 ■ **Porter County:** (219) 762-9191 **■ LaPorte County:** (219) 362-5342 ■ Michigan City: (219) 872-8129
- **Catholic Charities:** Provides counseling, food, housing, utility assistance, gateway housing for the homeless with disabilities, and housing counseling/education.
 - **Administrative:** (219) 886-3549 ■ Main Switchboard: (703) 549-1390
 - **Donations:** 1-800-919-9338 **■ Crown Point:** (219) 663-8417 **■ East Chicago:** (219) 397-5803
 - **Gary:** (219) 886-3549
 - Hammond: (219) 844-4883 ■ **Portage:** (219) 762-1177
 - Michigan City: (219) 879-9312

- Crown Point Community Care Cupboard 495 South Indiana Avenue Crown Point, Indiana 46307 (219) 663-1853
- South Lake County Community Services 1450 East Joliet Street Suite 202 Crown Point, Indiana 46307 (219) 663-0627
- United Neighborhood Organization Martin Luther King Jr. Center 4802 Melville Avenue East Chicago, Indiana 46312 (219) 391-8485
- City of Lake Station Lake Station Community Center Offer perishable food, holiday meals, and other aid 275 East 29th Avenue Lake Station, Indiana 46405 (219) 963-0261
- Salvation Army, Hammond/Munster Corps 8225 Columbia Avenue Munster, Indiana 46321 (219) 838-0380
- **Diocese of Gary Catholic Charities** Offers food and meals, as well as holiday (Christmas and Thanksgiving) gifts and meals. 3901 Fir Street East Chicago, Indiana 46312 (219) 397-5803

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Housing

Shelter/Homeless

- **Emergency Homeless Shelters:** Provides basic needs of shelter, food, clothing and other necessities. Most offer case management, referrals, rental assistance and other services to individuals and/or families.
 - 1-800-457-8283 (State Information Center)
 - 1-800-872-0371 (Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority)
 - 1-855-435-7178 (Toll Free)
 - http://www.in.gov/ihcda/
 - http://www.in.gov/ihcda/files/Emergency_Shelter_List(1).pdf (County List)

County	Shelter	Addres	Туре	Phone #
Lake	Calumet Township Multipurpose Center	1900 West 41st Avenue, Gary, Indiana	Emergency shelter for men, women and children	219-880-4900
Lake	Brother's Keeper	2120 Broadway, Gary, Indiana	Emergency shelter for men	219-882-4459
Lake	Calumet Area Warm- ing Shelter	527 State Street, Hammond, Indiana	Emergency shelter for men & women	219-853-1877
Lake	Crisis Center, Inc.	101 North Montgomery Street, Gary, Indiana	Homeless shelter for youth	219-938-7070
Lake	Gary Commission for Women	839 Broadway Suite 300, Gary, Indiana	Transitional housing & domestic vio- lence shelter for women and children	219-883-4155
Lake	Haven House, Inc.	832 Hoffman Street, Hammond, Indiana	Domestic violence shelter	219-932-4800
Lake	Haven House, Inc.	275 East 29th Avenue, Lake Station, Indiana	Domestic violence shelter	219-963-0261
Lake	Capes House	662 Sibley Street, Hammond, Indiana	Emergency housing for families	219-931-8223
Lake	St. Jude House, Inc.	12490 Marshall Street, Crown Point, Indiana	Domestic violence & homeless shelter	219-662-7066

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County	Shelter	Addres	Туре	Phone #
Lake	City Rescue Mission/ Reformers Unani- mous Home	527 State Street, Hammond, Indiana	Long term addiction recovery transitional housing – min. 6 months for men	219-932-5085
LaPorte	Sand Castle Shel- ter for Children & Families	1005 West 8th Street, Michigan City, Indiana	Emergency shelter-families with children	219-879-2552
LaPorte	Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, Inc.	Post Office Box #1045, Michigan City, Indiana	Domestic violence shelter	866-879-4615
Porter	Gabriel's Horn	792 McCool Road, Portage, Indiana	Emergency shelter for women and children	219-364-8018 219-364-1448
Porter	Housing Opportunities, Inc.	2001 Calumet Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana	Transitional housing- men, women and families	219-814-4687
Porter	The Caring Place, Inc.	102 Washington Street, Valparaiso, Indiana	Emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence	219-464-2128 219-464-0840

List of Homeless Shelters by County

- **Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program:** Helps Hoosiers in need of emergency assistance. Visit website for a county list:
 - http://www.efsp.unitedway.org/efsp/website/websiteContents/index.cfm?template=fundedLROAwardByPhase.cfm

Mortgage/Rental Assistance

- **Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana** 585 Progress Avenue, Munster, Indiana 46321 219-922-4024
- **Department of Housing and Urban Develop**ment (HUD): Offers information on affordable housing, homeownership, home repair, and housing counseling.
 - 1-800-569-4287 (Toll-Free Housing Counseling Referral Service)
 - (317) 226-6303 (Indianapolis Field Office)
 - http://www.hud.gov

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- **Homeownership Preservation Foundation:** National alliance to help homeowners avoid foreclosure.
 - 1-888-995-HOPE (4673)
 - http://www.995hope.org
- **Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network** (IFPN): Indiana program that provides free counseling to assist homeowners with foreclosure prevention.
 - 1-877-GET-HOPE (438-4673)
 - http://www.877gethope.org
- **Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Home** ownership Center: Assists with FHA mortgage insurance and oversees the sale of HUD homes.
 - 1-800-CALL-FHA (225-5342)
 - http://www.fha.gov
- **Rural Development:** Offers homeowners income-based mortgage and home repair assistance.
 - 317-290-3100 (Indiana State Office)
 - 219-324-6303 (LaPorte Sub-Office)
 - http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/in/
- **Section 8 Rental Assistance Program:** Offers income-based housing assistance.
 - Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA)
 - **1**-800-872-0371
 - http://www.in.gov/ihcda/

- **Indiana Legal Services Housing Law Center:** Offers free legal counseling to low-income people throughout Indiana.
 - (812) 339-7668 (Bloomington)
 - http://www.indianalegalservices.org/ providers

Utilities/Heating/Weatherization/ Home Repair

- **Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana** 585 Progress Avenue, Munster, IN 46321
 - **Phone**: (219) 922-4024
- **Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor:** Represents the interests of utility consumers regarding electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater disposal services.
 - 1-888-441-2494
 - http://www.in.gov/oucc
- **Northwest Indiana Community Action**
 - (219) 794-1829 (Main Office Phone)
 - 1-800-826-7871 (Toll Free)
 - http://www.nwi-ca.com/index.html
- **Energy Assistance Programs (EAP)** administered by IHCDA
 - 1-800-872-0371

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- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) administered by IHCDA
 - **1**-800-872-0371
 - Visit the website for a county list: http://www.in.gov/ihcda/files/CAPS.pdf

Emergency Food and Shelter

- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)
 - **1**-800-872-0371
 - Visit the website for a county list: http://www.in.gov/ihcda/files/Emergency_ Shelter List.pdf

Legal

- Indiana State Bar Association: A referral service for locating licensed attorneys in Indiana.
 - **1**-800-266-2581
 - http://www.portercountybar.org/findlawyer. aspx (Includes links and contact information for local bar associations in Indiana)
- Indianapolis Bar Association: Offers a lawyer referral service to locate licensed attorneys in the Indianapolis area.
 - **Legal Hotline**: (317) 269-2000 (2nd Tues, 6-8 pm)
 - Pro Bono Commission: (317) 269-2415■ http://www.in.gov/judiciary/probono/attor-
- neys/provider/index.html

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- Indiana Public Defender Council: A Public Defender for individuals charged with a criminal offense(s). Please note the Public Defender does not provide legal advice or referrals.
 - **(317) 232-2490**
 - http://www.in.gov/ipdc/general/government. html (Public Defender list by city)
- Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): Enforces federal job discrimination laws.
 - **1**-800-669-4000
 - http://www.eeoc.gov
- **DOJ Civil Rights Division:** Coordinates civil rights enforcement efforts of federal agencies.
 - **(202) 514-4609**
 - http://www.justice.gov/crt
- Indiana Civil Rights Commission: Enforces Indiana civil rights laws.
 - **1**-800-628-2909
 - **(317)232-2600**
 - http://www.in.gov/icrc

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Services/Programs

- **County Bar Association:** Provides information about the local legal community. Also connects individual lawyers, legal aid and other entities within each county.
 - Lake County
 - **(219)** 738-1905
 - http://www.lakecountybar.com/
 - LaPorte County
 - **(219) 362-1577**
 - Porter County
 - **(219)** 728-4025
 - http://www.portercountybar.org/
- Legal Services by County: List of lawyers. legal aid and profiles by area of practice in different counties.
 - LaPorte: http://lawyers.justia.com/lawyers/ indiana/la-porte-county
 - Lake: http://lawyers.justia.com/lawyers/indiana/lake-county
 - Porter: http://lawyers.justia.com/lawyers/ indiana/porter-county
- **Indiana Legal Services, Inc.:**

Provides free civil legal assistance to eligible low-income individuals through the state of Indiana.

- Merrillville (219) 738-6040
- http://www.indianalegalservices.org/page/ location-ils-offices (Includes contact information for all offices in Indiana)
- Northwest Indiana Volunteer Lawyers, Inc.

- (219) 945-1799
- http://www.nwivolunteerlawyers.org/home
- Valparaiso University School of Law **Clinical Program**
 - **(219)** 465-7903
- **Hammond Legal Aid Clinic Serves** residents of Hammond only
 - **(219) 853-6611**
 - http://www.gohammond.com/wp-content/ uploads/Departments/Legal Aid Clinic/pdf/ HLAC Stats 2004 - 2013.pdf

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Law Enforcement

- Federal Bureau of Investigation: Investigates federal crimes including, but not limited to, civil rights, violation of privacy, federal fraud, and cyber crimes.
 - **(317)** 595-4000
 - **National Center for Disaster -**1-866-720-5721
 - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - 1-800-843-5678
 - http://www.fbi.gov/indianapolis
- Indiana State Police: Duties include, but are not limited to addressing state crimes, ensuring public safety, and upholding the law.
- (317) 899-8293
- http://www.in.gov/isp or http://www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php
- Telephone directory: http://www.in.gov/ isp/2359.htm
- Sheriffs' Departments
- **Lake County:** (219) 755-3400 or visit http://www.lakecountysherriff.com
- **LaPorte County: (219) 326-7700** or visit http://www.laportecountysherriff.com
- **Porter County:** (219) 477-3155 or visit http://www.portercountysheriff.com

- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement:** a 24 hour, toll-free, public hotline to report suspicious activity, including immigration violations, child pornography, national security threats, human trafficking, identity theft, and financial crimes.
 - 1-866-DHS-2ICE (347-2423)
 - http://www.ice.gov

Protection Services

- **Adult Protective Services:** Investigates and provides intervention and protection to vulnerable adults who are victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
 - 1-800-992-6978
 - http://www.in.gov/fssa/da/3479.htm
- **Child Protective Services:** Protects children from abuse and neglect, DCS does this by partnering with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes.
 - **Child Abuse Hotline**: 1-800-800-5556 for general information
 - http://www.in.gov/dcs/index.htm
 - http://www.in.gov/dcs/3135.htm
- **Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence:** Provides public awareness, advocacy, and educational resources to promote the prevention of domestic violence.
 - 1-800-332-7385 (Crisis Line)
 - 1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)
 - http://violenceresource.org/home.htm

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- **Indiana Victim Information and Notification** Service: a 24-hour, toll-free, public hotline and website for victims of crime, their families, and others who are concerned about the custody status and expected release dates of offenders held at Indiana county jails and the Indiana Department of Correction.
 - 1-866-959-VINE (8463)
 - http://www.in.gov/idoc/2313.htm
- **Indiana Domestic Violence Hotline:** Provides crisis intervention, information, and referral to victims of domestic violence, perpetrators, friends and families.
 - 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
 - http://www.ndvh.org/
- Indiana Sheriffs' Sex Offender Registry: Registry of local sex offenders.
 - Indiana Sheriffs' Assoc. 1-800-622-4779
 - Indiana Dept. of Corrections (317) 232-
 - http://www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline & Veter**ans Crisis Line: A 24-hour, toll-free, confidential suicide prevention service available to anyone in suicidal crisis.
 - 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
 - http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- **Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Ad**ministration (IOSHA): promotes the safety and health of workers in an effort to prevent work related injuries and illnesses.
 - 1-800-321-0SHA (6742)
 - http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/osp/stateprogs/ indiana.html

Medical

Insurance & Healthcare Assistance

- **Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) Program:** Medical coverage for uninsured adult Hoosiers between the ages of 18-64.
 - 1-877-438-4779
 - http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip
- **Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation** Act (COBRA): Provides certain former employees, retirees, spouses and dependent children temporary continuation of health coverage at group rates.
 - 1-866-487-2365
 - http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/ cobra.htm
 - http://www.dol.gov/dol/contact/contact-phone-topics.htm
- Hoosier Healthwise: Indiana's health care program for healthcare for children, pregnant women, and low-income families.
 - 1-800-889-9949
 - http://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/2544.htm
- **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):** Federally funded program administered, as part of Hoosier Healthwise program, to provide healthcare for uninsured children.
 - **1**-800-889-9949
 - http://www.medicaid.gov/index.html or visit national site http://www.chipmedicaid.org

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- Extra Help for Medicare Part D: Financial assistance for paying Medicare prescription drug plan premiums, copayments/coinsurance and deductibles. (Administrated through the Social Security Administration)
 - 1-800-772-1213
 - http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp/
 - http://www.medicare.gov/partd

Prescription Assistance

- United Way: Offers a discount prescription card through familywize.
 - **800-222-2818**
 - http://www.familywize.org/card
- Hoosier Rx: Offers low-income Hoosier seniors age 65 or older payment assistance with Medicare Part D premiums for the prescription drug plan.
 - 1-866-267-4679
 - http://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/2669.htm
- **Partnership for Prescription Assistance** (PPaRx): Program administered through Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PhRMA) to help qualified patients receive prescription coverage.
 - 1-877-793-0765
 - https://www.pparx.org
- Rx for Indiana:

Helps low-income, uninsured Indiana residents get free or discounted brand-name medicines directly from the pharmaceutical manufacturer. (Works in partnership with (PhRMa).

- **1**-877-793-0765
- http://rxforindiana.org
- **Indiana State Health Insurance Information** Program (SHIP): Free counseling to answer questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicaid, and prescription drug coverage for elderly or disabled.
 - **1**-800-452-4800
 - http://www.in.gov/idoi/2495.htm

Treatment

- **Indiana Council of Community Mental Health** Centers (ICCMHC): Promotes comprehensive and accessible community mental health care services for all Hoosiers.
 - **(317) 684-3684**
 - http://www.iccmhc.org
- **Indiana Community Health Centers:** Provide affordable primary health care services by state licensed professional to all residents in the community. For a complete list of Community Health Centers, see link below:
 - http://www.in.gov/isdh/files/CHC and maps GIS 08.pdf
 - (317) 630-0845 Provides a listing of non-profit and free or low cost community clinics that operate in Indiana.

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- **NorthShore Health Center** 3304 Parkside Avenue Lake Station, Indiana 46405 219-763-8112
- NorthShore Health Center 6091 Broadway Merrillville, Indiana 46410 888-313-8557
- **NorthShore Health Center** 6920 Indianapolis Boulevard Hammond, Indiana 46324 219-763-8112
- HealthLinc 1313 West Chicago Avenue East Chicago, Indiana 46312 219-398-9685

Porter County

- **NorthShore Health Center** 6450 U.S. Highway 6 Portage, Indiana 46368 219-764-6052
- NorthShore Health Center 3564 Scottsdale Street Portage, Indiana 46368 219-763-8112
- HealthLinc 1001 North Sturdy Road Suite 101 Valparaiso, Indiana 46383 219-462-7173
- HealthLinc 951 Transport Drive Valparaiso, Indiana 46383 219-462-7173

LaPorte County

- HealthLinc 710 Franklin Street Michigan City, Indiana 46360 219-872-6200
- Healthy Communities of LaPorte County 115 East 4th Street Michigan City, Indiana 46360 219-210-3499 219-809-9094

Township Information

Lake County Township Trustees

Township	Address	Phone
Calumet	610 Connecticut Street, Gary, Indiana 46402	(219) 880-4000
Cedar Creek	151 North Fremont Street, Lowell, Indiana 46356	(219) 696-9713
Center	1450 East Joliet Street, Crown Point, Indiana 46307	(219) 663-0250
Eagle Creek	8305 East 173rd Avenue, Hebron, Indiana 46341	(219) 996-4572
Hanover	10706 W 133rd Avenue, Cedar Lake, Indiana 46303	(219) 374-7443
Hobart	1421 West 37th Avenue, Hobart, Indiana 46342	(219) 942-0055
North	5947 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Indiana 46320	(219) 932-2530
Ross	24 West 73rd Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410	(219) 769-2111
St. John	1515 Lincoln Highway, Schererville, Indiana 46375	(219) 865-2705
West Creek	11003 West 181st Avenue, Lowell, Indiana 46356	(219) 696-9432
Winfield	10645 Randolph Street, Crown Point, Indiana 46307	(219) 663-7027

Porter County Township Trustees

Township	Address	Phone
Boone	131 North Main Street, Hebron, Indiana 46341	(219) 996-71
Center	100 East Lincolnway, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383	(219) 462-08
Jackson	318 East 1050 North, Chesterton, Indiana 46304	(219) 926-82
Liberty	92 West 850 North, Valparaiso, Indiana 46385	(219) 926-37
Morgan	177 South 550 East, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383	(219) 733-99
Pine	Post Office Box 335, Beverly Shores, Indiana 46301	(219) 874-653
Pleasant	308 East 1000 South, Kouts, Indiana 46347	(219) 766-32
Portage	3494 Airport Road, Portage, Indiana 46368	(219) 762-16
Porter	454 West 300 South, Valparaiso, Indiana 46385	(219) 988-44
Union	251 North 475 West, Valparaiso, Indiana 46385	(219) 759-14
Washington	436 North 400 East, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383	(219) 531-00
Westchester	100 West Indiana Avenue, Chesterton, Indiana 46304	(219) 926-14
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La Porte County Township Trustees

Township	Address	Phone
Cass	11191 West 1250 South, Wanatah, Indiana 46390	(219) 733-2816
Clinton	6166 West 1050 South, Union Mills, Indiana 46382	(219) 767-2974
Cool Spring	1411 South Woodland Avenue Suite A, LaPorte, Indiana 46360	(219) 872-2181
Dewey	801 Main Street, Lacrosse, Indiana 46348	(219) 754-2739
Michigan	2601 East Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, Indiana 46360	(219) 874-5201

Northwest Indiana Transportation Services

- **Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District:** Operates the South Shore Rail Line.
 - **(219) 926-5744**
 - www.nictd.com
- North Township Dial-A-Ride: Provides free curb-to-curb bus service for residents needing transportation to and from medical appointments, shopping and other activities. Handicap accessible.
 - **Hammond**:(219) 932-2530
 - **East Chicago**:(219) 398-2435
 - http://www.northtownshiptrustee.com/index. php?page=DIAL-A-RIDE

- **South Lake County Community Services: Pro**vides curb-to-curb service for residents needing transportation to and from medical appointments, shopping and other activities. Handicap accessible.
 - **(219) 663-0627**
- **Opportunity Enterprises:** OE Express Transportation is a transit service provided by trained staff members to anyone who lives in and around Porter County.
 - **(219)** 464-9621
 - http://www.oppent.org/programs/transportation/

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- **Porter County Aging and Community Services:** Provides a low cost demand response transportation service for the citizens of Porter County.
 - **(219)** 462-4302 Must call between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Friday at least 48 HOURS prior to when the ride is needed.
 - http://www.portercountyacs.org/transportation-program
- Michigan City Transit Dial-A-Ride: Offers transportation to persons with disabilities who are unable to ride accessible fixed-route bus services because their disability prevents it and are eligible for ADA para-transit certification.
- **(219) 873-1502** Call the Michigan City Transit Department during normal office hours, between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday and between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. The appointment must be at least one business day before your appointment.
 - http://www.emichigancity.com/cityhall/de- partments/coach/dialaride.htm

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Scholarships

- Purdue University North Central (.pdf)
- Purdue University Calumet (.pdf)
- Valparaiso University (.pdf)
- Ivy Tech Community College Northwest (.pdf)
- Calumet College of St. Joseph (.pdf)
- Legacy Foundation Scholarships (.pdf)
- Indiana University Northwest (.pdf)

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Grants

Pete works hard to ensure that Northwest Indiana receives federal assistance when needed. Below you will find helpful resources.

Grants and Federal Domestic Assistance

Guidance and key resources to help eligible grant seekers find information on federal grants, loans, and non-financial assistance for projects, as well as on private funding. Prepared by the Congressional Research Service for Members of Congress, updated /June 2014/.

- How Best to Find Information
- Key Federal Funding Sources
- Related Federal Sources
- Private and Corporate Funding

How Best to Find Information

- **1. Find out Who is Eligible for a Grant?** Other government websites may be more suitable for personal needs, student loans, small business assistance, or other business opportunities such as government contracting. The website Government Benefits, Grants, and Financial Aid may also be of help.
- 2. If eligible, search for program information in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). Includes grants, loans, business and non-financial help.

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- **3. Contact federal office given in CFDA program description**: if state or local office is indicated, check Regional Agency Offices at top of CFDA website for addresses.
- **4. Go to federal websites** given in each CFDA program description for more information and for state administering agencies responsible for managing these programs.
- **5. Check current federal grants opportunities at** Grants.gov, obtain a Dun and Bradstreet (DUNS) number, register with System for Award Management (SAM), and apply online (links and instructions given at the website). Additional notices appear at FedConnect.net
- **6. Search foundations for project funding:** use the <u>Foundation Center Web site</u> or Foundation Center Cooperating Collections in libraries to identify national, state, and community foundations (http://foundationcenter.org/).
- **7. Learn how to write grant proposals:** follow CFDA's Developing and Writing Grant Proposals, or take the free online Foundation Center Proposal Writing Short Course.

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Key Federal Funding Sources

- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
- Grants.gov
- State Single Points of Contact
- CFDA in Local Libraries

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (General Services Administration)

The (CFDA), issued annually and updated continuously on the Web, describes some 1600 federal grants and non financial assistance programs. Grant seekers can identify programs that might support their projects and can learn the program's objectives, requirements, application procedures and contacts. For current notices of funding availability, see **Grants.gov** or **FedCon**nect.net.

Grants.gov (managed by Dept. of Health and Human Services)

Federal website that allows eligible grant-seekers (see Who is Eligible for a Grant? to find and apply for current competitive grant opportunities from ALL federal agencies. Grant-seekers can check on notices of funding availability (NOFA) posted in the last 7 days; access an RSS feed of grant opportunities; and apply for federal grants through a unified process by downloading the application and submitting online. The website guides grantseekers in obtaining a **Dun and Bradstreet (DUNS)** number and registering with System for Award Management (SAM) and registering with **Grants.gov** to apply and to track applications. For full federal program descriptions, see CFDA below. See also website FedConnect.net for additional grants and contracts opportunities.

State Single Points of Contact (Office of Management and Budget)

Under Executive Order 12372, some states require federal grants applicants to submit a copy of their application for state government level review and comment. The state offices listed here coordinate federal financial assistance and may direct federal development. For help in identifying state-level grants, other state government agencies websites may be found at: State and Local Agencies.

CFDA in Local Libraries (Government Printing Office)

Although the Catalog is available full-text on the Internet, some may prefer a print edition. However, only the Web Catalog is continuously updated. The published volume is annual with no supplements. The Catalog is available in all states in **Federal Depository Libraries** (click on link FDLP Public Page).

Related Federal Resources

- A-Z Index Departments & Agencies
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Homeland Security Grants
- USA.gov for Business
- USA.gov for Nonprofits
- Student Aid on the Web
- GovBenefits.gov
- FTC Consumer Alert
- **OMB Circulars**

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A-Z Index of U.S. Departments and Agencies (General Services Administration)

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency's Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives. The site USA.gov also links to Government Benefits, Grants and Financial Aid.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Department of Energy)

Grants are EERE's primary funding vehicle for businesses, industries, universities and others. Most EERE grants are awarded on merit on a competitive basis. EERE financial assistance opportunities are listed in the Financial Opportunities database and on Grants.gov or FedConnect.net. For state-by-state information on state, local. utility, and federal incentives that promote renewable energy and energy efficiency, search DSIRE (Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency).

DHS Financial Assistance (Dept. of Homeland Security)

Most Homeland Security non-disaster grant programs are designated for state and local governments and specific entities such as colleges, etc. Unsolicited applications from individuals are generally not accepted.

Includes Urban Area Security Initiative, Citizens Corps, Medical Response System, Operation Stonegarden (border security), Infrastructure Protection. Contact homeland security State Offices. Programs for firefighters may be found at Assistance to Firefighters.

■ USA.gov for Business (GSA)

Includes contracting with the U.S. government, international trade and exporting, and small business. See also financial assistance links at the Small Business Administration website.

■ <u>USA.gov for Nonprofits (GSA)</u>

Links to federal department and agency information and service for nonprofit organizations, including fund raising and outreach, grants, loans and other assistance, laws and regulations, management and operations, online services, registration and licensing, and tax information. The White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Initiatives includes information on Grants and Resources.

■ Student Aid on the Web (Dept. of Education)

Information on funding education beyond high school, including grants, loans, and work-study assistance to qualified students.

■ GovBenefits.gov (via Department of Labor) Includes information on over 1,000 government assistance programs, and how to apply. Covers direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services.

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FTC Consumer Alert (Federal Trade Commission)

The FTC warns consumers to beware of paying a "processing fees" for information that is available free to the public. Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, unpaid bills, or other personal expenses are often a scam.

OMB Grants Management Web Site (Office of Management and Budget)

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

Private & Corporate Funding Sources

The Foundation Center

Gateway to information about private funding sources, the grant seeking process, guidelines on writing a grant proposal, addresses of state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites. The Center maintains a comprehensive database on foundations; produces print and electronic directories and guides; conducts research and publishes studies in the field; and offers a variety of training and educational seminars.

Welcome Legislators and Policy Makers:

Covers policy development, constituent services, and other helpful nonprofit resources.

■ Guide to Funding Research:

An overview of the funding research process for those seeking grants from foundations, corporations, and grant making public charities.

Proposal Writing Short Course:

(also in Spanish, French and other languages)

Foundation Directory Online:

A free search tool providing public access to essential information about nearly 90,000 foundations and over 250,000 IRS Forms 990-PF.

Requests for Proposals:

Daily postings of requests for proposals (RFPs) from private funding sources by broad subject category.

Foundation Center Cooperating Collections:

Free funding information available in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit centers nationwide, including access to the Foundation Directory Online database.

Grant Resources by State (Grantsmanship Center):

Click on state map to find links to information about a state's foundations, community foundations, corporate giving programs and the state's home page.

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Request a Tour

All tickets are provided to Pete's constituents on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the large number of visitors, please request them as early as possible in order to maximize your chances. For information on sightseeing and attractions, please visit **Pete's Washington, D.C. Tourism Information** page.

* indicates information that you need to provide.

Requested Tours

- ✓ White House
- ✓ Capitol (Monday through Friday)
- ✓ Library of Congress (Monday through Friday)
- ✓ Engraving & Printing (Monday through Friday)-Availability Limited
- ✓ Kennedy Center (Monday through Sunday)
- ✓ Library of Congress (Monday through Friday)
- ✓ Supreme Court (Monday through Friday)
- ✓ Holocaust Museum (Monday through Sunday)
- ✓ National Cathedral (Monday and Wednesday)

*Note: Passes will no longer be required to enter the Permanent Exhibition at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum during the fall and winter months (September through February).

Travel Date & Information

Date of Arrival in DC:

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U.S. Flags

Flag Order Form

Purchase a U.S. flag through Pete's office. You may also request that your new flag be flown over the Capitol for an additional charge. Flags may be flown for a particular person, event, or organization, and may be flown on a specific date. A certificate of recognition is included with each flag.

If you would like to order a U.S. flag from my office, please use this flag order form to calculate the price and shipping costs.

You will have the option for printing the completed form for sending to my office with your check.

Care of the Flag

Most outdoor flags can be washed in mild detergent and thoroughly raised. Indoor and parade flags should be dry-cleaned. Damaged flags can be repaired and utilized as long as the overall dimensions are not noticeably altered. American Legion Posts and local governments often have facilities to dispose of unserviceable flags. Store your flag in a clean, well ventilated area.

Academy Information

Each year Pete has the privilege of nominating a select few of Northwest Indiana's best high school graduates for admission to the nation's service academies. The honor of attending a service academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation. For more information, please review Pete's page of Frequently Asked Questions for those seeking Military Academy Nomination: https://visclosky.house.gov/serving-you/military-academy-nominations-faq.

The U.S. Service Academies include:

- The U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado: http://www.usafa.af.mil/
- The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland: http://www.usna.edu/homepage. <u>php</u>
- The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, **New York:** http://www.usma.edu/SitePages/ Home.aspx
- The Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York: http://www.usmma.edu/
- The United States Coast Guard at New London, Connecticut: http://www.cga.edu/

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Instructions

In order to be considered for admission to one of the service academies listed above, an applicant must attain a nomination. One type of nomination includes a letter from a U.S. Representative or Senator. When applying for a nomination to a service academy, applicants are also required to apply directly to the academies they wish to attend. The academy admissions process is initiated by filling out an application on their website. You will find links to the academies below.

Necessary items to complete to apply for a nomination:

- 1. Complete Application Form. Be sure to complete your essay and rank academies in order of your preference. You must rank ALL academies. This is required to maximize your opportunites for nomination. Furthermore, please include your email address.
 - Download the Academy Application: http://visclosky.civicapp.us/wp-content/uploads/pdf/military-academy-application.pdf
- 2. SAT/ACT Test Scores. Use the recipient code (SAT 1888 ACT 7397) when you register, and a copy of your scores will be sent directly to Pete's office. It is advisable that you take the test as soon as possible for purposes of early reporting and optional re-examination.

3. Nomination Recommendation Submission.

Three (3) recommendations must be submitted on your behalf. Your high school Math and English teachers must author one of the submissions. You may wish to ask your principal, counselor, a church leader, employer, or someone who knows you well (not a relative) to submit the remaining recommendation.

After application is completed, here is the Recommendation Form url: http://visclosky.civicapp.us/wp-content/uploads/pdf/united-states-service-academies-nomination.pdf.

- 4. Official High School Transript (and college transcript, if applicable), reflecting most current coursework and grades. Ask your high school to mail or fax an official transcript to the Merrillville office.
- 5. Contact each academy and make an application directly to each of the five academies. An early application will enhance your opportunity

to garner an appointment. Here is the link to the Acadmey web pages: https://visclosky.house.gov/ service-academy-websites.

Send Information to:

■ Congressman Pete Visclosky

7895 Broadway, Suite A Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Attn: U.S. Academy Coordinator

Fax: (219) 795-1850

NOTE: Qualified applicants will be interviewed in November by Pete's Academy Selection Committee. The Committee will screen applicants for scholastic ability, leadership potential, adequacy of preparation, and sincerity to attend a service academy.

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Votes and Legislation

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Date	Roll Call	Bill	My Vote
07-24	450	H.R.3230	Yea
07-24	449	H.R.3393	Nay
07-24	448	H.R.3393	Yea
07-24	447	H.R.5111	Yea
07-24	446	H.R.4984	Aye

(Click here to learn how to read the roll call information.)

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